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# ONE MARYLAND

## Delivering Results for Middle Class Families

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### A Message from the Governor

Our story, Maryland's story, is the story of better choices and better results. When the national recession hit – wiping out jobs and revenues all across our country including here – other states tried to cut their way to prosperity. We made better choices.

We used the pressure of sinking revenues to make government more efficient and effective. We cut more spending than any other administration in our State's history while maintaining our Triple A bond rating and investing in our shared priorities. Better choices. Better results. The proof is in our progress.

No other state can say at once that they are #1 in education five years in a row. #1 in holding down the cost of college tuition. #1 in innovation and entrepreneurship. #1 in human capital capacity. #1 in access to dental care for all children, regardless of income. #1 in PHD scientists and researchers. #1 in Research and Development. #1 in businesses owned by women. #1 in median family income. And we're not done yet.

With too many of our fellow citizens still looking for work, we still have a long way to go, but as we emerge from the toughest of economic times, the State of our State is strong, and we are growing stronger still.

Thank you,  
Governor O'Malley

## What's happening this Session?



### Preventing Gun Violence While Protecting Legal Gun Ownership

Together with brave law enforcement, we have driven down violent crime and homicide to three decade lows. But still, too many of our fellow citizens lose their lives to gun violence. There is more we can and must do. That's why a broad coalition of police chiefs, faith leaders, advocates for domestic violence victims, and citizens from across our State have [come together in support](#) of the



### AROUND MARYLAND

#### Flamenco Vivo

*Feb 14th at the Music Center at Strathmore in Bethesda.*

Internationally renowned Flamenco Vivo presents La Pasión Flamenca, an evening of Spanish Dance. Featuring solo, couples, and company dances the performance brings the vibrant Spanish culture of Andalusia to the Strathmore.

#### Maple Magic

*February 16-17 at Ladew Topiary Gardens in Monkton*  
Come out and make maple syrup! Take part in a nature hike, where you will learn all about maple sugaring, collect sap and learn how to boil it down to make your own maple syrup. All ages are welcome.

#### FLICC Foreign Film Festival

*February 15 at The Carroll Arts Center in Westminster*  
Come out and see the Canadian film "Incendies". This Academy Award nominated film is about a set of twins who travel to the Middle East to fulfill their late mother's last wishes.

#### French Fridays

*February 16 and 22 at The Creative Alliance in Baltimore.*  
French Fridays will feature French lessons taught by writer and art critic Zbigniew Janowski. Sample French wine and view the latest art exhibit. All skill levels are welcome.

#### African American Men and Women in Medicine during the Civil War

*Feb 23 at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick.* Dr. Robert Slawson, author of Prologue to Change: African Americans in Medicine in the Civil War Era, presents histories of the African Americans who practiced medicine during one of the most violent eras in American

O'Malley-Brown Administration's Firearm Safety Act of 2013.

This [legislation](#) takes a comprehensive approach: It requires a license and a criminal background check to purchase a gun. It has a gun safety training component. It bans the sale of military-style assault weapons. It limits the size of high capacity magazines. It takes a number of actions to improve mental health treatment and timely data sharing. And it upgrades security at Maryland's schools with a \$25 million investment.



What it [does NOT do](#) is ban all guns or infringe on the traditions of Maryland's hunters.

## Creating Jobs

Yesterday, Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown testified before the Senate in support of the Veterans Full Employment Act to remove barriers to employment that service members often face when making the transition from military service to the civilian work force. The bill also expedites the occupational and professional licensing process for military spouses when a military family moves to Maryland.



The Governor also [testified](#) in favor of the Employment Advancement Right Now (EARN) bill, which would provide employer-led skills-training to Marylanders seeking to acquire skills for jobs in high demand sectors of Maryland's economy. Additionally, the Governor accepted the recommendations from the [Federal Facilities Advisory Board](#) - a strategic plan that outlines 25 actions the State can take to better leverage the potential of government labs, military installations and other federal facilities to drive innovation and create jobs in Maryland.

## Marylander on the Move: Jack Andraka

Jack Andraka of Crownsville is the winner of the first ever [#MD Forward competition](#) and attended the State of the State address on January 30. In only his second year at North County High School in Glen Burnie, he developed an inexpensive and accurate filter paper diagnostic test that detects pancreatic cancer in its earliest stages by working with scientists at Johns Hopkins University. For his work he received the top prize at the prestigious international high school student science competition, Intel ISEF.



Jack is moving Maryland forward with his accomplishments and enthusiasm for STEM education.

## Innovation Maryland: Connecting Online

As a State Government, we're constantly looking for better ways for us to connect. That's why during the Governor's State of the State address, we asked Marylanders to submit questions on the issues that matter most. So far, we've received hundreds of submissions --and [there's still time to submit](#). In the next few

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**[What was the most memorable moment from the Ravens' season?](#)**



## MARYLAND TWEETS

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[@GovernorOMalley](#): MD's AG: [our proposals](#) "don't allow for confiscation of guns nor could they" under Supreme Court Precedent.

[@MDBiz](#): House of Cards was still shooting in MD in Oct. Tomorrow, they release all 13 hours of the series. Amazing! <http://is.gd/IQRjzp>

[@TravelMD](#): Check out our photos from today's @Ravens victory parade. We got almost all of the stars: <http://ow.ly/hrCl4>

[@StateMaryland](#): We have a sacred obligation to serve those who have served on our behalf & this legislation is an imp't step fwd in mtg that goal #Veterans

**Hashtag of the Month:** This month, use [#MDLove](#) to talk about why you love living, working, visiting and doing business in Maryland!

days, Governor O'Malley will address as many of your questions as possible on Youtube.

Since we've received so many questions about our legislation to reduce gun violence, Lt. Governor Brown and administration officials will host a special online town hall on Monday, February 11 at 11:00 am. [Tune in here to watch the conversation streamed live](#) and submit your questions using #LGTownHall.

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